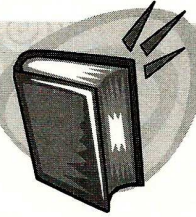


THE UNITED STATES

Guided Reading Activity 1

From Sea to Shining Sea



DIRECTIONS: Outlining Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about the land in the United States. Use your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. The 48 states are _____; two states lie apart, Alaska and _____.
- II. The United States has _____ main physical regions.
 - A. The _____ Plains is a lowland that runs along the eastern and southeastern coasts of the United States.
 - B. The _____ Mountains are the oldest mountain range on the continent.
 - C. The _____ Plains are vast and have two parts.
 1. The eastern section is called the _____ Lowland.
 2. West of the Central Lowland stretch the _____.
 - D. The _____ Mountains run from Alaska south to _____.
 - E. The _____ Coast region contains two mountain ranges.
 1. The _____ Range stretches from Washington south to _____ while in eastern California runs the _____ Nevada.
 - F. _____ contains the highest mountain in North America.
 - G. Some of the islands of _____ have _____ reefs, which are formed from skeletons of small sea animals.
- III. The United States has a variety of _____.
 - A. The southeastern states have a _____ climate.
 - B. Much of the western Great Plains has a _____ climate.
 - C. The only part of the contiguous United States with a _____ climate is the southern tip of Florida.